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BIG E

Fair traffic chokes roads

Councilor calls for changes after record-breaking turnouts snarl main roads

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Midweek traffic jams that ran the length of town have some Agawam residents calling foul on the Big E, the massive regional fair just over the line in West Springfield.

The day after record-setting attendance on Connecticut Day at the fair, Sept. 23, Agawam City Councilor Cecilia Calabrese drafted a memorandum to Mayor Richard Cohen asking whether the Big E is adequately compensating the town for the increased traffic, and whether businesses should form a task force to suggest ways to lessen the impact in future years.

"It seems as though the traffic flowing in and out of West Springfield during the run of the Big E has gotten unreasonably heavy to the point that day-to-day life of all citizens of Agawam are severely impacted," Calabrese wrote. "We should not be held hostage in our town to an event that runs for so long in our neighboring community."

Cohen said the task force proposal would be redundant, as there is always ongoing dialogue between the town and Big E administrators.

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Best foot forward



Agawam's Donovan Salva tries to overcome a pair of defenders from the Holy Cross team, based in Springfield, during a U-10 soccer game Saturday at School Street Park. More photos on page 10. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

HIGH SCHOOL

Back on track

New contractor-friendly schedule proposed for 'stately' AHS athletic complex

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Renovations to create a more modern and "stately" high school athletic facility appear to be back on track. Expected to cost around \$7 million, the project includes a new running track and sports fields as well as upgraded locker rooms.

Scheduled to start this past summer, the project stalled when two of the three companies submitting bids came in higher than expected. The third company — the lowest bidder — withdrew.

Mark Arigoni, a landscape architect with the Milone and MacBroom firm in Springfield, has been working with the town on the project. In a presentation to the School Committee and several city councilors during the school board's Sept. 22 meeting, he said the original "aggressive" summer construction schedule likely led to the price escalation for the bids. He said the reworked timetable calls for rebidding the project in mid-October, receiving bids in mid-November, and finalizing the contract by the end of December.

"We're trying to balance a favorable schedule for the contractor versus how much impact it's going to have for spring sports," said Arigoni. "We feel we're going to get the most competitive bids if we give the contractor that spring sports season and move the games and practices elsewhere."

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

New ground, new heights for Rotary event

By Michael J. Ballway
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Every year, the fourth graders at Phelps School grow bigger and graduate. This year, it's the entire Rotary Harvest Festival that's gotten too large after making its start at Main and School streets. That, and the fact that there's no room for hot air balloons in the center of town.

The annual event, held on the Veterans Green and school grounds, will move this year to the new northern half of School Street Park, Parks and Recreation Director Chris Sparks said this

week.

"Obviously, the new School Street Park is a great venue which is built to handle events like this," Sparks said.

Susanne de Villier, the Rotary's president-elect and the organizer of the festival for the past few years, said she's most excited about bringing hot air balloons to Agawam, something she's been trying to do for the past five years.

Two of the balloons are being donated by RE/MAX International and are based in Woodstock, Conn. The other two are independently operated, one from

Connecticut and one from New Hampshire. AmeriGas is donating propane for the balloons. Other event sponsors include Sullivan Transportation and Easthampton Savings Bank.

Quick tethered ascensions will be offered during the early afternoon, at a cost of \$5 per person. Longer balloon rides, costing hundreds of dollars, will lift off in the morning and late afternoon.

Also new this year is a concert by Built for Comfort, a band made up of Agawam High School alumni who reunited to play at their

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Chris Sparks, left, and Susanne de Villier discuss plans for the Rotary Harvest Fair.



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Flu clinic Tuesday at the Senior Center

The Agawam Health Department will hold a flu clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Those interested should bring their insurance cards.

Agawam Garden Club to meet Oct. 13

The Agawam Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. The meeting will include a demonstration by Ceil Rossi featuring her artwork done on gourds. Members and non-members are welcome.

Football alumni invited to final home game

The last Agawam High School football home game to be played on the current field at 760 Cooper St. will take place Friday, Oct. 16. The AHS seniors would like to share the field with AHS football alumni. Those interested are asked to be behind the players' bench at 6:15 p.m. on Oct. 16. For more information, email lyn.bussiere@gmail.com.

Advertisers sought for band book

For the sixth year, Agawam High School's band programs are asking for support from the public and local businesses.

The AHS Band Parents Association will publish its Ad Book later this fall, and is seeking advertisers. The ad book is professionally designed and printed, and more than 1,000 copies will be distributed for free at band performances such as the fall concert in November, the Agawam-West Springfield Thanksgiving Day football game, winter concert, spring concert, Band Time Concert, Band-athon and other band events throughout the year.

Last spring, the Agawam High School Symphony Band continued its reputation for excellent musicianship, earning a silver medal at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association 2015 MICCA Concert and Choral Festival at Belchertown High School. For the second consecutive year, the Agawam High School Wind Ensemble earned a gold medal at that same festival, an honor that was accompanied by an invitation to perform at the annual MICCA Gold Medal Showcase held at Boston's historic Symphony Hall, home of the world-renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra.

While Agawam's award-winning bands receive funding from the School Department budget, those funds do not cover all the expenses incurred over the course of the year. The Agawam High School Band Parents Association has created the Ad Book to help raise funds to supplement the band budget.

Ad rates remain unchanged from last year: full-page (7.5 by 10 inches), \$200; half-page (7.5 by 4.75), \$100; quarter-page (3.5 by 4.75), \$75; eighth-page (3.5 by 2), \$35.

Individuals are also invited to support the band at several giving level options: Director's Circle, \$75 donation (name listing and one-line message to appear in Ad Book); Musician's Circle, \$50 (name listing and one-line message); Alumni Circle, \$25 (name listing); Friend, \$15 (name listing); Student, \$5 (name listing).

Make checks payable to AHSBPA and send with ad material and patron information (name(s) and message, if applicable — 85 character maximum, including spaces, as it is to appear in the Ad Book) to David Cecchi, AHSBPA Ad Book Coordinator, 29 Albert St., Agawam, MA 01001, by Friday, Oct. 16.

Press-ready PDFs may be sent directly to ce-



The AHS Band Parent Association Ad Book is a major fundraiser for the school's band program. Submitted photos

cco@davidcecchi.com. Put "2015-16 Ad Book" in the subject line. All other ad material should be included with payment. For more information about ad material or to see a copy of past Ad Books, contact Cecchi at 413-786-3236 or cecco@davidcecchi.com.

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Kanetoberfest to aid dogs in need

Kane's Krusade, a nonprofit organization that helps dogs in need in Springfield, will hold its first Kanetoberfest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

The day's events will feature over 50 vendors, a dog house build-off, a dog show sponsored by the East Longmeadow Dog Obedience Training Club, raffles, a pet photo contest, a low-cost dog vaccine and microchip clinic and more. Shaggy and DJ Big Sid will be in attendance, as well as "celebrity dogs" Juno from Juno's Place and Jameson of Jameson's Journey. Adoptable dogs will also be on site.

This is a dog-friendly event. Friendly, leashed and vaccinated dogs are welcome. Leashes must be non-retractable.

The mission of Kane's Krusade is to

improve the quality of life for dogs in the most underserved neighborhoods in Western Massachusetts. Kane's Krusade keeps dogs with their families by directly addressing the root causes of surrender — economic, behavioral and tenant or insurance issues. The organization distributes CARE Kits (Canine Assistance, Resources and Empowerment) to families in need to help them care for their dogs in difficult times and prevent surrender to shelters.

Admission is \$5, or free with donated cans of dog food. Children under 12 are free with adult admission. All funds raised will go toward serving the families and dogs that Kane's Krusade works with.

For more information, visit www.kanetoberfest.com or contact George at 413-364-4381, orinfo@kaneskrusade.org.

Paint race to benefit United Way

Six Flags New England will host a Color Run Night next Friday, part of the single largest 5K paint race event series in the United States.

The run will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9, with waves of runners starting every few minutes. Registration for the event is open for individual runners and teams. All ages are welcome. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Way.

Runners will experience a star-lit party throughout Six Flags. They will be immersed in color — the glow of the rides, the glare of neon lights, special zones with black lights, glowing bubbles and head-

lamp illuminations.

All participants will also receive a limited edition Night Race kit, including glowing T-shirt, black light headlamp and one-of-a-kind glow color packet. Participants will receive free entrance to the park with their registration. The rides will be closed for the race.

The Color Run, a for-profit company, partners with charities to help shine a light on their work within society and highlight the causes they stand for. For this event, they have partnered with United Way of Pioneer Valley.

YMCA to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam YMCA will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun the third Monday of each month, with the exception of December. This month's trip is scheduled for Oct. 19. The bus will leave the YMCA parking lot at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and include a \$15 meal ticket and two \$10 big wheel tickets. To reserve a seat, call Helen at 413-786-8685.

Firehouse Museum open Oct. 18

The Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum at 35 Elm St. will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. Due to last year's overwhelming response from the public, the museum will once again feature the exhibit, "Riverside Park — A Century as the Playground of the Connecticut Valley." The museum will close for the season after this date. For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com.

Golf manager asks for more staff

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Under fire for budgetary missteps this summer, the Agawam Municipal Golf Course's general manager last week said he needs help to keep up with the bills.

Three days after Tony Roberto was criticized by some members of the Agawam City Council for his handling of the operations budget during the end of fiscal 2015 and beginning of the current fiscal year, Roberto told the town Golf Commission, as well as two city councilors who attended the meeting, that the golf course lacks an individual dedicated to billing and other secretarial work. Roberto said on some days, he is simply spread too thin.

"Almost every department has a secretary to assist with those things," said Roberto. "It is just me here."

Roberto said he has been short-staffed recently, and has even been tasked with working the grill, cooking food, after tournaments have ended.

"I lost my cook a couple of weeks ago," said Roberto.

Councilor James Cichetti said many members of the council are "fed up" with the golf course, even though it is turning a profit this season, after Roberto was forced to seek several transfers to the golf course budget after the last fiscal year ended.

"This has got to get cleaned up," said Cichetti. "I know the numbers have been much better here at the course, but the transfers are a problem."

Cichetti said he does realize there has got to be something they can do to help the course.

"No one is helping these guys," said Cichetti.

Roberto, who attended last Monday night's council meeting and heard the comments made by the councilors, said he was felt attacked.

"I was pretty discouraged with the comments made by the council," said Roberto. "I felt like we were being beat up."

Cichetti and fellow Councilor Anthony Suffriti both said they feel like additional procedures need to be put in place to ensure bills are being paid and that transfers are being applied for before the end of a fiscal year.

"We need to start estimating the needs and costs and getting them into holdover," said Grounds Superintendent Daniel Shay.

Roberto said while the lack of staffing has been a problem, he also faulted a recent council reform that forced all in-house transfers go through the legislative body.

"We used to be able to do the in-house transfers through the mayor's office," said Roberto. "Now these moves need to go through the council, which takes some time."

Cichetti said the ordinance concerning the golf course may need to be revamped. He also said he was considering submitting an ordinance that would make the golf course part of the municipal budget instead of an enterprise fund.

The Ad-Hoc Golf Committee will be meeting soon to continue to address issues with the operations. Cichetti and Suffriti are both members. The committee is chaired by Council Vice President Dennis Perry.

Sales numbers at the course have been good this summer, thanks to the great weather and lack of rain. Numbers in July and August have been above the numbers from last year. Roberto is projecting September will follow the same pattern.

Fire safety program for seniors Oct. 7

The Agawam Public Library will host "Fire Safety for Senior Citizens" from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. Pam Murphy has been a firefighter-EMT in Agawam for the past 30 years. She has organized fire safety for the children of Agawam and now does the same for senior citizens.

Murphy will visit the library with her

partners, Blaze the fire dog and Pumper the fire cat, to teach and remind seniors of fire safety practices and to teach them how to be more aware of their surroundings.

To register for the event, call the library at 413-789-1550, ext. 4 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Little can be done about Big E

Last Wednesday's gridlock in Agawam was unacceptable. It was also rare — it was more than the usual Big E or Six Flags snarls. It may also have been unavoidable.

It's unacceptable that local drivers on both Suffield and Main streets, the two main north-south routes in Agawam, had to wait in line for hours. It's unacceptable that school buses needed help from the police to get children home on time. It's unacceptable that customers couldn't get to businesses, and residents were stranded in their homes.

But there's not much the town can do about Big E traffic, especially on days like last Wednesday, when traffic slowed to a halt on Main and Suffield streets, backing up nearly the entire length of the town as Connecticut residents took what they thought would be a "shortcut" to their state's day at the West Springfield exposition.

The town can ask the state Department of Transportation to put up more signs directing Big E traffic onto Route 5. But that won't deter anyone with a passing familiarity with Agawam roads — including repeat fairgoers who have been traveling this route for years. And the folks who followed their GPS onto Main Street or Suffield Street this year will keep doing it next year, no matter what the sign says.

The town can set up satellite parking lots near the Connecticut line, and run shuttle buses. But it will likely cost money to rent any parking area large enough to serve a Connecticut Day crowd, and it will certainly cost money to rent and run all those shuttles. Who will pay for it? And setting up a remote lot doesn't guarantee that anyone will use it. Those who are used to parking at the fair itself, or within walking distance of it, will probably drive right past a satellite lot — unless there's already a traffic jam reaching that far south.

The town can, perhaps, do a better job of predicting a mess. All three factors that created the "perfect storm" of traffic that took Agawam officials by surprise last Wednesday were predictable. Forecasts accurately predicted pleasant weather. The Big E has held Connecticut Day — for obvious reasons, the weekday most likely to see traffic crossing through Agawam rather than West Springfield — on that Wednesday for years. Yom Kippur, which canceled school in Longmeadow and several Connecticut towns, is prominent on Jewish calendars. But knowing that a traffic jam is on the way doesn't necessarily help stop it from happening.

It didn't help that Western Massachusetts media outlets have spent the past year talking about construction on the Memorial Avenue rotary and Interstate 91 through Springfield. Even though all lanes are being held open through the work zones for the duration of the Big E, it's likely that many drivers opted not to chance it and expected the Agawam route to have fewer delays.

Add road construction to the "perfect storm" and perhaps last Wednesday was a fluke — a combination of events that's unlikely to recur.

Let's hope it was. There's not much else the town can do.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.



Letters to the Editor

Many to thank for success of barrel program

The "Sponsor a Barrel" program for the 2015 season was very successful. The Agawam Beautification Committee would like to recognize and thank those businesses and individuals who are responsible for this success.

We wish to thank Agawam's Java Shop, Allied Flooring & Paint, Budget Cabinets, Canary Blomstrom Insurance Agency Inc., Cascio Company Landscaping, Coopers Common LLC, The Dental Studio Associates LLC, Godbout Construction, Longo Carpet Cleaning and Restoration, Rose Misischia, O'Donnell Paving & Landscaping Inc., On the Hill Restaurant, Paul Paleologopoulous, Russo Construcation, Salon

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This year we are pleased to add Culverine Firearms, Ralph DePalma, Millennium Press, Anthony Tassone Financial Advisor and United Bank to our list of sponsors.

We greatly appreciate the commitment of all of these sponsors and thank them for their financial participation, which goes a long way in helping us with our town projects.

The Agawam Beautification Committee

Corrine Wingard would be an asset to the council

When my wife told me that Corrine Wingard was running for town council, I wanted to make a contribution to her campaign for two simple reasons. I have worked with her on the Community Preservation Council for five years; I know that "running" is pricey. Much to my surprise, the check bounced — sort of. Corrine informed me that she couldn't accept it. Instead, it had to be given to her treasurer/girl Friday and recorded.

I wasn't surprised by this display of integrity and desire for transparency. I had seen it before at our meetings, but I chuckled then and now — imagine, a politician (budding) who doesn't take money.

But she is much more than just integrity. I've seen her hard work on behalf of housing in Agawam. To be on this committee means meetings, plenty of them; the material is complex, detailed. A significant number of Agawam elderly are in dire need of housing. The waiting list is long; the wait is longer. Corrine, the former social worker, feels their pain. She has been working hard to help them.

A hard worker, someone who wants to do good, a person of integrity — that's Corrine. She'll be an asset to the council.

George A. Galiatsos
Agawam

JAY SPEAKS

Racing shells and the Olympics

A program of assigning a book to read for the entire community was begun a year or so ago at the Agawam Public Library. This year the book is titled "Boys in the Boat." It is authored by Daniel Brown and is the story of the University of Washington varsity boat crew rowing its shell to victory past all the top college crews in the United States in the mid-1930s, and then in 1936 taking on the world at Adolf Hitler's Berlin Olympics.

We all know of Jesse Owens of the United States showing up the Nazi runners in the Olympic Stadium before 150,000 people. This book tells of another competition and of the men, coaches, equipment, mental and physical preparation that went into the competition. I highly recommend the book, but do not want to give you the outcome of their quest, should you go and pick up the book.

I was attracted to the book on a few levels. The first is it is true nonfiction and has a lot of biographical material. It docu-

ments many of the rowers, coaches, trainers and family of the Washington team, but it also tells of the competition both in the United States and also in Germany, England and elsewhere at this period of history.



Jay Berger

We learn of the Depression beginning in 1929. The story covers the "Dust Bowl" phenomenon, the migration of hundreds of thousands of people from the drought-stricken Midwest to the West Coast. We follow the German rearmament era. The growth of the influence of Leni Reifenshtahl, the talented female filmmaker of the period.

We learn how her films glamorizing the perfect human body helped grow the German quest for the super soldier. We watch the effects of Joseph Goebbels' propaganda enabling German to occupy Austria, the Sudetenland, and push for the gigantic stadium which would hold the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

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In addition to the candidate statements printed in last week's newspaper, the newspaper will cover the election through staff-written stories about debates, controversies and political issues, where appropriate.

No additional candidate press releases will be printed in future editions. Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact John Baskin, 413-786-7747 or jbaskin@turley.com, about paid advertising in the Agawam Advertiser News.

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SPEAKS ■ from page 4

ing shells. Our daughter Cynthia attended Dartmouth College and was a coxswain in the male varsity shell. Here and now, in the year 2015, we probably do not realize how important a sport shell racing was in the 1920s and 1930s. Yes, baseball was big, but rivaling it were track and field, as well as racing boats. Thanks to the movies, we believe that only Eton and Cambridge on the Thames River in England signify racing shells. Not so.

Another event occurred last week that we had a small part in. The Maccabi international competition took place in Berlin. Youthful Jewish athletes from all over the world competed in many of the Olympic sports in Berlin. They competed in exactly the same stadium that Adolf Hitler built for the 1936 Olympics.

In 1936 the German Olympic Committee would not allow Jewish youth to compete, with one exception — he allowed Helen Mayer to compete in fencing, inasmuch as

he knew that she would win gold medals. She was the best in the world. Helen Mayer left Germany right after the Olympics.

Kitty and I did a modest amount of work when the regional Maccabi competition was held at the Jewish Community Center a few years ago. The regional competition provides the athletes who then go on to the international competition. I still recall the parade of competitors at the Coliseum in West Springfield. It was like watching the Olympic parade every four years.

Getting back to the book "Boys in the Boat": It is probably one of the superb reads over the past several months. Pick it up and be prepared to learn a lot about shell racing. Woodworking and the tools. Human nature. Grit and determination: "The Thrill of Victory and the Agony of Defeat"!

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Violet J. St. Peter, 86

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. — Violet Jean Haseltine Presz St. Peter, age 86, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. She was born in Plaistow, N.H., to Costello and Marian Haseltine, was raised in Agawam, and recently moved to Ormond Beach, Fla.

Violet was a waitress in her young life and later became a restaurant owner. She was an avid senior athlete and competed and earned medals in both state and national Senior Olympics in javelin, racewalking, shot put and shuffleboard. She was one of the founding members of the Agawam Senior Games Athletes.

Violet is survived by her daughter, Linda Presz; sons Stephen Presz and Michael Presz; stepsons Stephen St. Peter and Robert St. Peter; stepdaughter Susan Bergeron; sisters Marian Bradford, Shirley Freeman, Marjorie Lawson, and Barbara Turner; brothers Richard, Robert and Raymond Haseltine; grandchildren John, Jennifer, Stephanie and Lindsay; step-grandchildren Alisha, Stephen, Matthew, Brendan, Sarah, Madeleine and Martha; great-grand-

son Landen; step-great-granddaughters Megan and Lauren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Debra McHugh; husband Bronislaw Presz; husband Robert St. Peter;



sisters Alice Greenmiller, Eileen Anderson and Lauretta Turcotte; and brothers Ross and Ralph Haseltine.

Her family will receive friends on Monday, Oct. 5, 4-7 p.m. at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam. Her funeral will be on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from the funeral home at 8:30 a.m., followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills. Burial will be in St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery, West Springfield.

Memorial contributions can be made in her name to St. Jude's Hospital for Children, where a memorial fund has been set up. For more information, visit www.forastiere.com.

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Superintendent William Sapelli said such a situation is not unprecedented. He said in 1979, when the athletic fields underwent major renovations, teams didn't have access to any athletic field.

"It was done once before — and done successfully — so I'm confident that it can happen," he added.

Arigoni said the revised schedule provides time for a contractor to order materials with long lead times, such as lockers, so construction can start in early spring. In the meantime, material could be ordered for interior renovations so that part of the project could begin when school ends in June.

According to Arigoni, giving the contractor the summer season to get the improvements done means most of the project, including the football field, could be completed by the start of the 2016-17 school year. However, the baseball field — which will be relocated north of the high school — won't be ready until spring 2017.

Councilor Robert Rossi urged the addition of lighting to the baseball and softball fields, at a cost of about \$400,000, to allow night games. He said this could bring more families to games and could also mean more postseason play.

"When you're talking about a \$7 million-plus endeavor, I think \$400,000 for a project that's going to take us 50, 60, or more years into the future, it's an absolute necessity to really consider that," Rossi said.

Impact on future high school

Councilor Joe Mineo, who supports renovating the athletic complex but doesn't support building a new high school, said he's concerned about where a new high school could be located should one be built in 10 or 15 years.

"Looking at that plan, it doesn't look like you would be able to put a new high school there," he said.

However, according to Councilor George Bitzas, the relocated baseball field would be the likely site of a new high school. He added that engineers told him it would cost about \$400,000 to move the baseball field to the site of the current high school once it were torn down.



This rendering shows the proposed exterior improvements for the athletic facility at the high school. The project includes a new track and sports fields as well as new bleachers and a new ticketing and concession building. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Despite Mineo's concerns, the renovation plans received a positive response from the School Committee, which voted unanimously to support the project. Diane Juzba, the committee's vice chair, said during her 12 years on the committee the project has been talked about, planned, and has been the "hope and dream" of many people.

"I'm just thrilled to see the plan," she added.

Conte said the new athletic facility will make the town "very, very happy." Bitzas, who has advocated for a new athletic complex for several years, called the project "fantastic."

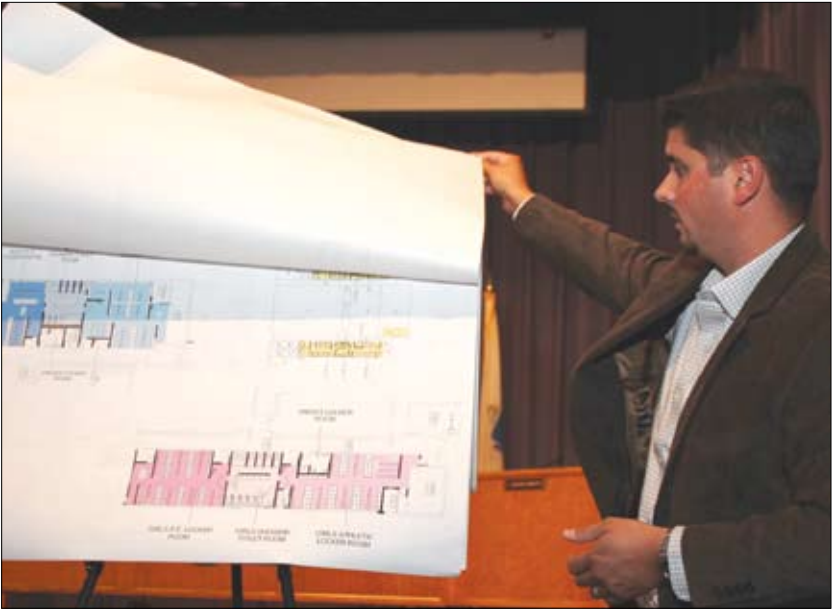
Also present at the meeting were retired AHS Athletic Director Lou Conte, chair of the committee overseeing the project; Dave Stratton, current AHS athletic director; and Jennifer Bonfiglio, Agawam's Community Preservation Act administrator, who has assisted Conte's committee.

Renovation plans

Key improvements planned for the Agawam High School grounds include:

- New synthetic turf field with new lighting and a new scoreboard. The field will be expanded so it can be used for football and soccer. New bleachers, with seating for 1,500 people, will be ADA accessible along the front.
- New top-of-the-line synthetic eight-lane sprint track.
- Six new lighted courts to replace the existing tennis and basketball courts. One court will be fenced off with six basketball hoops attached to the fence so the court can be used for tennis or basketball.
- New walkway, or promenade, from the parking lot. It will include 12-foot-high pedestrian lighting with flag stanchions for mounting Agawam team flags.
- New ticketing, concession and restroom facility designed to architecturally "mimic" the arch on the front of the high school.

- Improvements, but not replacement, of the two-story press box.
- New handicap-accessible parking area near the ticketing facility.
- New 30 by 70 foot storage facility with three overhead garage doors.
- New baseball field — accessible by a new walkway — with new precast dugouts.
- New multi-use practice area near current baseball field.
- New sidewalks and fencing will provide a "facelift" to the athletic facility.
- Upgrades to the boys and girls locker rooms will include centralized showers in both rooms, larger lockers for physical education students and school teams, and new offices for coaches and PE staff.
- State-mandated unisex bathrooms accessible off the school hallway.
- Renovated bathrooms in the rotunda area.



Mark Arigoni, a landscape architect who has been working with the town on proposed renovations to the high school athletic facility, gave an update on the project at the Sept. 22 School Committee meeting.

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 322 calls for service from Sept. 22 to Sept. 28. The department made nine arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Kai Chen, 37, of 345 North St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of entering a dwelling at night for felony.

Thursday, Sept. 24

John J. Kirby, 67, of 179 Country Road, Agawam, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Friday, Sept. 25

Nelson G. Abdala, 36, of 5 Plantation Drive, Agawam, was arrested on a straight warrant.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Christopher Fontanez, 25, of 5106 Slaten Road, Plant City, Fla., was arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Elvis J. Luckham, 25, of 68 Warregan St., Chicopee, was arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Sunday, Sept. 27

A juvenile from Feeding Hills was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

A juvenile from Agawam, was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

Monday, Sept. 28

Dominic Kenneth Veighey, 20, of 65 Phoenix Terrace, Apt. 65, Springfield, was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

A juvenile from Springfield was arrested on charges of trespassing and larceny under \$250.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 66 EMS calls from Sept. 22 to Sept. 28, and the following emergency response calls.

On Sept. 22 at 5:25 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street to assist invalid.

On Sept. 22 at 11:18 p.m., the department responded to Maple Meadows Lane for public service assistance, other.

On Sept. 23 at 7:25 a.m., the department responded to Century Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 23 at 7:29 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On Sept. 23 at 9:34 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On Sept. 23 at 9:52 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On Sept. 23 at 10:18 a.m., the department responded to River Road for lockout.

On Sept. 23 at 11:25 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Sept. 23 at 5:24 p.m., the department responded to Frank Street to assist invalid.

On Sept. 24 at 9:51 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Sept. 26 at 5:46 p.m., the department responded to Twin Oaks for brush or brush and grass mixture fire.

On Sept. 26 at 5:46 p.m., the department responded to Pineview Circle for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Sept. 27 at 1:14 a.m., the department responded to General Abrams Drive for building fire.

On Sept. 27 at 7:12 p.m., the department responded to General Abrams Drive for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Sept. 27 at 8:48 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for outside equipment fire.

On Sept. 27 at 9:14 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for good intent call, other.

On Sept. 28 at 2:15 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Sept. 28 at 2:40 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for lockout.

On Sept. 28 at 10:18 p.m., the department responded to Beekman Drive for detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

Call firefighter applicants sought

The Agawam Fire Department is seeking applicants for the position of call firefighter.

Applicants must have a desire to serve the community, be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license and reside within the town of Agawam. Applicants will be required to pass a CORI check, medical evaluation and Massachusetts Civil Service Physical Abilities Test.

Job duties include, but are not limited to, attending fire department training as required by policy; responding to calls for emergency service; assisting career firefighters and EMS personnel; staffing fire department watch desk and apparatus

during emergencies; operating fire department apparatus, tools and equipment; and performing fire suppression, rescue and medical first response services as necessary.

Previous experience as a firefighter, emergency medical technician or other emergency services provider is preferred but not required.

Applications are available in the Agawam Town Hall personnel office, 36 Main St., Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted until suitable candidates are found.

The town of Agawam is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity employer.

Tickets on sale for chicken supper

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., will hold a chicken and biscuit supper at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. The menu will also include salad, green beans, cranberry sauce, butternut squash and coffee or tea. Tickets purchased in advance are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Ticket prices at the door are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children. Advance purchase is encouraged.

Lions to hold Harvest Breakfast Oct. 25

The Agawam Lions Club will hold its annual Harvest Breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. The breakfast will be held at the Agawam Lions Den at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. Parking is available at Gate 2, compliments of the Big E.

Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and

Living Rosary open to area women

The Agawam Catholic Women's Club, in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Lady of the Rosary, will celebrate the Living Rosary at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. After the service, there will be a short meeting and refreshments in the parish hall. All are welcome.

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class reunion and decided to stick together as a group. The band will play 3-5 p.m. at the School Street Park band shell.

The day begins at 7 a.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by local veterans, and the launch of the first round of 90-minute hot air balloon rides. The vendor fair opens at 10 a.m. and the Agawam High School band will perform at 11.

Balloon ascensions will be offered from noon to 3 p.m. This is a unique opportunity for Agawam, at a low cost, said de Villier. She said the only other local event she knows of that offers hot-air balloon rides is in Northampton, at twice the price.

The classic car show will return for a third year, with an expected 45-50 vehicles expected. Attendees will be able to vote on a "people's choice" award along with the Rotary president's choice and best in show ribbons. Awards will be presented at 2 p.m.

A wide variety of food will be available, including local vendors such as the Lions Club, Moe's Donuts and First Stop Café.

Toward the end of the event, at 4 p.m., a second round of 90-minute balloon rides will lift off. Advance registration is required for these trips, which cost \$250 per person or \$400 for a couple. The balloons will fly wherever the wind takes them across the Pioneer Valley.

The new location will be less disruptive of neighbors, Sparks said. On Main Street, the festival would quickly run out of parking at the Phelps School lot, forcing attendees to search for on-street parking elsewhere in the neighborhood. The festival blocked

\$2.50 for children 10 and under, are available in Agawam at Bob's Barber Shop, 13 Maple St., and Southgate Liquors, 842 Sufield St. They may also be purchased at the door.

Funds raised from the breakfast will help support the various Agawam Lions Club charities.

the end of School Street, making getting around difficult for local residents and for youth football teams with games at nearby Memorial Field.

At School Street Park, there will be about 400 spaces available in the Corey and School street parking lots. Youth sports organizations that would ordinarily schedule games there on a Saturday will cancel or move their Oct. 17 matchups.

"We've outgrown Veterans Green," said Sparks. "The new park will allow us to host larger events."

About 55 vendors and civic organizations participated in last year's festival. This year, organizers are planning for 65-70.

Sparks said he expects attendance this year to be similar in size to a SummerFest crowd, but traffic would be spread out over the course of the day, rather than concentrated at the beginning and end of an evening concert.

The festival is a fundraiser for the Agawam Rotary Club. No admission is charged, but the club makes money on vendors' fees and raffle tickets. Funds raised at the festival benefit the Rotary's community giving, particularly its college scholarships. Last year, the event raised \$3,500, said de Villier; this year's target is \$4,500.

The 50-50 raffle this year will support the Phelps School's fourth grade class.

In the event of rain, the Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18.

For more information about the festival, visit agawamrotary.org; for cancellation status, call 413-821-0514.

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Congregational Church news, upcoming events

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., “a place to call home — a people to call family.” Worship service is on Sunday at 10 a.m. with a children’s message, church school and coffee and fellowship hour following.

Sunday, Oct. 4: Family Communion and third-graders will be receiving Bibles.

Wednesday, Oct. 7: 7-9 p.m., Bible Study, “The Acts of the Apostles, a Walk Through the Early Church,” with Pastor Greg Dawson.

Thursday: Playgroup meets Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Open to the public. It follows the Agawam public school schedule.

Sunday, Oct. 11: Worship service with

church school and coffee/fellowship hour.

Monday, Oct. 12: Office closed for the Columbus Day holiday.

Saturday, Oct. 17: 7:30 a.m., Men’s Ministry meeting at Bobbie J’z in Agawam; Fall Festival at the church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18: 10 a.m., Worship service, church school, coffee hour, Joy Fellowship & Faithful Friends.

Monday, Oct. 19: 4 p.m., Loaves & Fishes.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: 7-9 p.m., Bible Study with Pastor Greg Dawson.

Saturday, Oct. 24: 5:30 p.m., chicken and biscuit supper.

Sunday, Oct. 25: 10 a.m., Worship service, church school and coffee hour; 5 p.m.,

Trunk or Treat Halloween activity at the church

Monday, Oct. 26: 7 p.m., Women’s Ministry meeting in the Friendship Room.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: 9 a.m., Newsletter collation.

Pastor Greg E. Dawson is available for prayer after the service. The church offers many programs, special family activities, trips, picnics and more. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

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Trading Post Consignment now open

The Trading Post Consignment Shop at First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main St., is now open. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Orders are on consignment on a 50-50 basis, 50 percent for the consigner and 50 percent for the Trading Post. The shop carries clothing, handbags, hats, household items, toys and books. Clothing must be in season, clean and on hangers or folded. No more than 50 items with each order will be accepted. The shop also carries a large selection of men’s clothing.

Proposals sought for cultural grants

With \$11,900 available to award through grants, the Agawam Cultural Council is seeking proposals from local community-oriented arts, humanities and interpretive science programs in need of funding. The Agawam Cultural Council has set Thursday, Oct. 15, as the postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support or provide cultural activities for the Agawam community. According to Cultural Council spokesperson Bob Kadis, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Agawam, including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies, workshops and lectures, or performances in schools.

The council is actively encouraging funding requests from schools and youth groups to cover ticket and or transportation costs of field trips for school-age children.

For more information, visit www.mass-culture.org/Agawam and click on the “Local Guidelines” tab, or visit agawamcc.org.

Application forms in Word and PDF formats may be downloaded from agawamcc.org or www.massculturalcouncil.org/applications/lccapp.asp.

Grant requests should be mailed to Agawam Cultural Council, Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001, Attn: Grants. The postmark deadline for grant applications is Thursday, Oct. 15. For more information about the grant program, email Bob Kadis at r.kadis@comcast.net or call 413-789-4814.

This year’s grant funding includes \$11,600 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and \$300 of unencumbered funds from an unspent previous grant. The MCC provides allocations to each of Massachusetts’ 351 cities and towns to support cultural activities. These funds are then dispersed through a strict grant process conducted by the all-volunteer network of 329 local cultural councils. This is the largest program of its kind in the United States.

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 6:30 PM** in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam City Council on a proposed zoning amendment to Section 180 entitled “Non-Conforming Uses.” A copy of the proposal can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:
Mark R. Paleologopoulos,
Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of the Plex

Sports Park LLC for property located on Garden Street.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

10/1/15

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The Town of Agawam, Chief Procurement Officer in consultation with the Department of Public Works Department hereby invites sealed bids from qualified experience sources in for the furnishing of Snow Plowing Services for Fiscal Year 2016. A full bid package with specifications will be available beginning Wednesday September 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Department of Public Works Office, 1000 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA 01001 or by email to Procurement @agawam.ma.us.

Questions/RFI may also be directed in writing to Steve Bonesteel at SBonesteel@agawam.ma.us. Bids will be received until: **2:00 P.M. on Friday October 16, 2015.**

10/1/15

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD15P1838GD

In the matter of: Frances Taylor Of: Agawam, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Heritage Hall West** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Frances Taylor** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Joseph Dusel** of

Ludlow, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 10/22/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 24, 2015

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate

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TRAFFIC ■ from page 1

“We have meetings before and after the Big E to discuss these issues,” said Cohen.

The Big E began Friday, Sept. 18, and will conclude this Sunday, Oct. 4.

Around noon last Wednesday, bumper-to-bumper traffic on Suffield Street (Route 75) extended as far as Shoemaker Lane, near the Connecticut state line, with a similar backup on Main Street (Route 159). Police had to escort school buses through the jam.

Cohen said he sympathized with the issues raised by Calabrese, and directed some of her questions to the Police Department and Department of Public Works. He agreed that improved parking — more commuter lots served by shuttle buses — is one of the biggest Big E needs.

“I think that would help get some of the cars off the road,” said Cohen. “There are just so many cars and there is just not enough parking around there.”

Cohen noted, however, that the town cannot close public streets or deny access to fairgoers.

Traffic was especially heavy during Connecticut Day and during the weekends. Councilor Paul Cavallo said he had difficulty trying to leave his own driveway due to the traffic.

Police Chief Eric Gillis said he believes the combination of Connecticut visitors on Sept. 23, coupled with beautiful weather and the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, created what he described as a “perfect storm” for huge attendance to the Big E. There is also less parking during the weekdays, as the Doering School and Town Hall lots on

Main Street are not available.

Gillis did say there was some increased call volume this year that caused an increase in patrols throughout town, but said those costs to the town would not be calculated and itemized until the fair has concluded Sunday.

Gillis said the Big E continues to pay for all police officers needed for traffic details.

The amount spent the past three years has been around \$45,000 each year.

The DPW has not incurred any additional costs related to the Big E.

Cohen also hopes renovations to the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge in 2017 will aid traffic near the Big E.

Calabrese’s memorandum was posted online and received responses from the public. As of Tuesday, there were nearly 100 comments from other residents with anecdotes about being stuck in traffic, and both “pro” and “con” reactions to the memo.

Cohen says all comments and concerns are taken into account and there is dialogue between the Big E, the mayor’s office, and the Police Department to address issues.

Gillis did receive praise from Agawam Schools Superintendent William Sapelli. In a letter to the department, Sapelli said the police department worked hard to get buses through to neighborhoods that were blocked at one point by the heavy traffic.

“Without the assistance of your fine officers, students would have been delayed for more than one hour in arriving to their homes at the end of the school day,” said Sapelli. “I have received numerous positive feedback from parents and residents alike.”



Anglers fish from the shore during the Trout Derby at Mawaga Sportsmen's Club in April. FILE PHOTO

Mawaga trout derby scheduled for Oct. 18

The Mawaga Sportsmen’s Club’s 17th annual Fall Trout Derby will take place Sunday, Oct. 18. A full breakfast will be available beginning at 7 a.m. followed by fishing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will also be available.

A \$15 donation will be accepted. There is no limit on trout and no license is required.

Bait will be available and the day’s events will include a giant raffle and door prizes. A \$500 prize for largest trout and \$100 for second largest will be awarded as well as other cash and merchandise prizes.

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SOMETHING OLD – SOMETHING NEW

By: **Suellen Duga**

If you haven’t been in Choice Health lately, you will certainly notice we have new team members, and some new products, along with some old friends. Choice Health has been a designation store for gluten free and quality vitamin/mineral supplements in the past. We are now taking great care to select more traditional but healthy grocery items (local when available) and other interesting products such as

E-Cloths, Zum (cut your own soap), and a local Organic Fair Trade coffee. We want to make Choice Health your favorite local store to visit and shop for quality specialty food as well as unique items for yourself and for gifts. We also welcome suggestions from our guests for ways to improve our product offerings and enhance the shopping experience. See you soon at Choice Health where leaves aren’t the only things falling – we have a giant 50% off sale for the month of October!



Mason Barcomb takes a corner kick in Agawam's game against Westfield.



A trio of Agawam players move upfield with the ball during the U-10 game.

Out for kicks



U-11 players Jeffrey Mozolevskiy and Arthur Panchelyuga enjoy a water break.

Fall soccer is in full swing in Agawam, with boys and girls teams ranging from ages 9 to 16. Games are held on most weekends on fields in town and in surrounding communities. Last Saturday, Under-10 and Under-11 boys teams from Agawam took the field against out-of-town opponents at School Street Park.



TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS
BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Salvatore Tassone breaks away from the defense during the U-10 game.



Captains of the Agawam F.C. and Holy Cross U-10 soccer teams meet at midfield for the coin toss before their Sept. 26 game. Representing Agawam are Dimitry Kuzmenko and Dimitry Shapovalov.



Agawam U-10's Jeffrey Szulc controls the ball.



Evan Gilbert chases down a loose ball for the Agawam U-11 team.



Gianni Liquori tries to break away during a U-11 game against Westfield.



Carter Clark tries to move the ball upfield in the U-11 game.

Youth

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Open Houses: Those interested in meeting with any of the following college or university representatives must sign up at least one day in advance in the Counseling Center: Merrimack College, 12:15 p.m. Friday.

College Fair: Admissions staff members from more than 80 colleges and universities will be visiting Agawam High School for a college fair on Friday, Oct. 23, from 8:15 to 10 a.m. Students should prepare a list of questions to ask college representatives.

Exploring Educational Excellence: A travel consortium of Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Rice University and the University of Chicago will host an information session for interested students and their families at the Hartford Marriott Farmington, 15 Farm Springs Road, Farmington, Conn., on Thursday, Oct. 8. Register online at exploringeducationalexcel- lence.org.

National Hispanic College Fair: AIC will be hosting this event on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register online at www.collegefair.info/.

Special interest programs

Springfield College will host a free Game Lab Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 17. This program will allow students to talk with video game industry experts, experience the field firsthand, get to see how games are made and what it takes to make a game of their own. Register at springfieldcollege.edu/gamelab.

Bay Path University will hold "A Night of Forensics, Justice, and Science" Wednesday, Oct. 28. Experience hands-on activities and hear about career options in the forensics, science and justice fields. Register at baypath.edu/visit.

Springfield College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the "College Now" program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest.

See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering an Advanced Placement program which allows eligible students to enroll in one three-credit course in the spring semester and receive full college transfer credit to the Elms or another academic institution of their choice. While tuition is waived, students will pay a \$20 registration fee and \$50 technology fee. Registration for the spring semester is Jan. 20. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

STCC is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is an opportunity to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

WNEU will offer a five-week mini law school program for students interested in a career in law. This is offered Tuesdays, Oct. 20 through Nov. 17, from 6-8 p.m. It is offered free of charge for any high school student with a valid student identification. Register at wne.edu/mini-law-school.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application.

Big Y Scholarship; U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program; Wendy's Heisman Award; AES Engineers; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Did You Know: Villanova University students can participate in a Vatican internship that allows them to manage the Pope's social media accounts.



Vinnie Bianco, Zao Gill and Doug Thies work on robot design ideas. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Members of MIGHTY Mechanics write programs during a recent orientation session.

Jr. High robot team readies for the new season

By Skylar Thies

MIGHTY Mechanics, based at Agawam Junior High School, is a team with the Agawam Robotics Education Association at the FIRST Tech Challenge level. The FTC 839 MIGHTY Mechanics team is made up of mostly seventh- and eighth-graders, and one high school student. The team consists of 11 students and 15 mentors.

This year, the game is called "FIRST RES-Q." The team's robot must do many things to earn points in the game, but mainly clean up a pile of blocks and balls, deliver them to goals and protect them from other robots stealing them.

Several sub-teams must all communicate and work with each other to make the robot operational. There are five sub-teams: Drivetrain and Accessory, which each research, prototype, machine, as-

semble, test and redesign their part of the robot; Marketing/Administration, the organizers and public interface of the team; Programming, which writes all computer code that controls the robot in both autonomous and tele-op modes; and CAD, which uses PTC Creo computer-aided design software to take the team's designs and create computer models that can result in CNC-machined or 3-D printed parts, and simulate the robot mechanisms.

The league meet will be in November, with other events in December and January. By then, the robot will be moving, and successfully collecting and depositing balls and blocks. The team meets three times a week.

Skylar Thies is a MIGHTY Mechanics team member and student at Agawam Junior High School.

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 5: Chicken nuggets, dipping sauce, Tater Tots, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Pancakes with syrup, sliced ham, hash brown, fresh and chilled fruit.
Wednesday, Oct. 7: Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 8: Assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, warm breadstick, fresh and chilled fruit.
Friday, Oct. 9: Buffalo popcorn chicken with dipping sauce, baked sweet fries, celery sticks with ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 5: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Half day. No lunch.
Wednesday, Oct. 7: Open-face chicken wrap on whole-wheat with lettuce and tomatoes, low-fat potato chips, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 8: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Friday, Oct. 9: Cheese pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, baked cookie.

ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, Oct. 5: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Half day. No lunch.
Wednesday, Oct. 7: Cheeseburger on whole-wheat roll with lettuce and tomatoes, French fries, fresh and chilled fruit.

Monday, Oct. 8: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Friday, Oct. 9: Cheese pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, baked cookie.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 5: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Half day. No lunch.
Wednesday, Oct. 7: Cheeseburger on whole-wheat roll with lettuce and tomatoes, French fries, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 8: Cheese pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, baked cookie.
Friday, Oct. 9: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, Oct. 5: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Wednesday, Oct. 7: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Thursday, Oct. 8: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
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SPORTS

Bringing awareness to concussions



A common misconception with concussion injuries is that a player has to be knocked out to receive a concussion. It is more common for those injuries to occur from a whiplash-like effect on the head and neck.

Football most common, followed by soccer

By Dave Forbes
Turley Publications
Sports Staff Writer

REGION - For many parents, watching their children play sports provides them great joy. One of the scariest things, however, can be seeing that same child deal with a severe injury from playing the sport they love.

A common injury seen with contact sports during the fall season is the concussion, which is why the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, along with the

ThinkTaylor Foundation and Inertia, hosted a Concussion Awareness Week at all high school soccer home games last week to help parents, coaches, players and student-athletes better understand what happens.

"It is a very common injury that we see during the fall season," Quabbin Regional High School athletics

trainer Renee Boucher said. "It is most common that we see them in football during the fall, but it also happens quite often in soccer as well. The most common reason we see them is from the whiplash-like effect from a hit to the head. It might not be from contact with a player, but when that player's head hits the ground."

Concussions, a type of traumatic brain injury, are a frequent concern for those playing sports, from children and teenagers to professional athletes. Repeated concussions are a known cause of various neurological disorders, most notably chronic traumatic encephalopathy, which in professional athletes has led to premature retirement, erratic behavior and even suicide.

More than 1.6 million Americans have sustained concussion-related injuries. Because concussions cannot be seen on X-rays or CT scans, attempts to prevent

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GIRLS SOCCER

Lady Brownies jump on Eagles

Scherpa tallies twice

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - It took Agawam about 20 minutes to take a 3-0 lead against visiting Central last Wednesday afternoon.

Agawam added an additional goal late in the first half, and rode that offense to a 4-1 win over the Golden Eagles and allowed the Brownies to climb above .500 for the first time this season.

Jill Scherpa scored twice, and Natalie Pullen and Alyssa Montagna also added single goals.

With the huge lead, Jenna Beach gave way to Erin Berthiaume, who made her season debut as the backup goalie. She would allow a second-half goal and made four saves for the Brownies. Beach made three saves before leaving the game.

Sarah Carron and Caitlyn Shean also contributed to the offense



Sarah Carron tries to keep control of the ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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FOOTBALL

Brownies race past Red Raiders

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - Despite having some speed at the quarterback position, Commerce was able to do very little as the Agawam football team ran all over the Red Raiders 42-0 last Friday night.

Agawam was playing at home for the first time this season and raised its record to 3-0 for the season.

Agawam scored a touchdown within 21 seconds of kickoff thanks to a great kickoff return by Marcus Williams. Williams carried the ball more than 45 yards

on the opening kickoff and brought Agawam to start their opening drive from just 13 yards away.

Quarterback Troy Gallerani would hand the ball to Nick Scuderi, who went to the right side and scored to get things started. Aiden Page connected with the point-after to make it 7-0 Agawam.

Despite a penalty and a first down. Agawam would get the ball back following a Commerce punt. Chris Morassi would return the ball about 55 yards to get Agawam started inside Commerce's 20-yard line yet again.

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Kicker Aiden Page successfully kicks a point after. Quarterback Troy Gallerani is the holder. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

BOYS SOCCER

Brownies extend their undefeated string to six

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Agawam boys soccer team is undefeated after six games in the regular season.

The Brownies own a 3-0-3 record and been in some great battles against several of the better teams in Western Massachusetts.

Last Friday afternoon, Agawam got a bit of a test at home when Central visited the Brownies.

The Golden Eagles would match Agawam during the first half, going toe-to-toe and battling to a 1-1 tie.

But Agawam was the only team that made the adjustments as they rallied for three unanswered goals and captured a 4-1 win.

Luis Nieves continued his pace with two goals for the Brownies. Tym Regnier had a goal and Nick Maler-

ba also scored and had an assist.

Steven Ludtke would get the start in goal, his second of the season. He made six saves and picked up the victory. Ludtke went into the pre-season competing with former football kicker Sean Moore for the starting job in the goal. Moore won the job and has had most of the time in net, though Ludtke has been staying busy playing in the field in several of Agawam's game this year.

Also last week, Agawam had its first matchup of the season against West Springfield.

Last year, the Terriers shut out Agawam 4-0 in the semifinals of the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament.

Agawam is seeking to overcome that loss, and battled to a scoreless tie against the Terriers at home last Tuesday.

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Sports

Front of the pack



AGAWAM - Agawam residents and training partners Mike Lescarbeau and Kevin Pfau traveled to Keene, N.H., for the Clarence DeMar Half Marathon on Sept. 27, for a tune-up race for their upcoming marathons and they both ended up taking home first-place honors. Out of 337 finishers, Lescarbeau finished fifth overall and first in the 40-49 Age Division while Pfau took 18th Overall and first in the 50-59 Age Division. Lescarbeau and another Agawam training partner, Rich Clarke will be heading to Albany, N.Y., to race the Mohawk-Hudson Marathon on Oct. 11, while Pfau is peaking for the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 25. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED PHOTO



Lou Conte (far left) moderated a discussion with (from left to right) Coordinator of Athletics for Chicopee and Chicopee Comp Jim Blain, Watertown (Conn.) High School Athletics Director Mark Conroy, and Williston Northampton School Director of Athletics Kacey Scroggins. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED PHOTO

Springfield College hosts Athletic Administration Leadership Series

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield College Athletic Administration Graduate Program hosted its leadership series titled, "High School Athletics: A Changing Frontier," on Wednesday, Sept. 23, in the Cleveland E. and Phyllis B. Dodge Room located in the Flynn Campus Union.

The event featured panelists Kacey Scroggins, Watertown (CT) High School Athletic Director, Jim Blain, Coordinator of Athletics for Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive high schools, and Mark Conroy, Williston Northampton School Director of Athletics.

The trio navigated the changing field of high school athletics and shared tips for a successful career in high school athletics. The discussion also offered insight on the differ-

ences between working in public and private schools, how the field has changed, and the future of high school athletics.

Moderated by Lou Conte, executive secretary for the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference and former director of athletics at Agawam High School, the evening also touched upon topics such as dealing with parents, social media issues, and assisting student-athletes with injuries.

Launched in the spring of 2011, the Athletic Administration Leadership Series is held each semester and alternates a focus between high school and intercollegiate athletics.

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with two assists each.

Agawam owned possession for the majority of the game, including the second half, but was not able to score any additional goals in the final 50 minutes of the game.

Central's only goal came with about 7:25 remaining on a high shot into the upper left of the net. The shot was well-placed and there was no reaching for Berthiaume.

Coach Laura Wray-Ramos said she is pleased to see the progression of where Agawam has been heading. The lopsided victory over Central also allowed her an opportunity to get a look at more players on her roster.

"This is one of those games where I was able to get everyone in and let them play," said Ramos. "We get a chance to try a few things and move the ball around."

Agawam is now 3-2-2 this season, struggling to score in the early part of the season. But Ramos said the team is not at its best yet.

"I think we definitely have better games ahead of us," said Ramos. "We are still learning and I think we're going to make a really good run."

Agawam started the season with a loss against Southwick, before rebounding to tie Comp and beat Westfield.

The Brownies dropped a 1-0 decision against West Springfield, but rebounded earlier this week to play scoreless tie against the Terriers on Monday evening.

Agawam also avenged a playoff loss from the end of last season by defeating Northampton 4-0.

"Northampton is a team we were hoping to beat after losing to them in the playoffs last year," Ramos said. "That was a big win for us."

With the win over the Blue Devils, Agawam is in a much better position for tournament contention. Agawam is currently undefeated in the Kurty-Fielding League. They are 2-0-1 and hold a grip on first place. The Brownies do have yet to play a league game against Longmeadow, a team that has given them difficulty in past years.

Agawam's schedule gets a big tougher Friday with a game against Minnechaug at 4 p.m. Agawam will then host Ludlow on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

RIGHT: Samantha Stratton looks for an open teammate as she passes midfield. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



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Sports

FOOTBALL ■ from page 1

A common sight to see at high school soccer games last week was the use of soccer balls with the words “ThinkTaylor” on them. Players, coaches and officials also wore orange wristbands in support of Concussion Awareness Week.



Girls soccer is the second most likely sport to see concussions according to studies in two medical journals.

Boys soccer is the fifth most likely.

Turley Publications photo by David Henry sweetdogphotos.com

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concussions have been difficult.

For about the past 10 years, every student-athlete at Quabbin, which has about 500 students and less than half that number play sports at the high school, in grades, 7, 9 and 11, along with those in grades 8, 10 and 12 that are taking part in sports for the first time, must participate in a test before the start of the season to determine what their normal reaction time is. As a preventative measure, these baseline tests are typically taken prior to a sport season when an athlete has not yet had exposure to training and/or competition. In the event of a concussion during the season, the same test (a “post-injury”) is taken again by the athlete, yielding comparative scores from before and after the injury.

“There is no way for them to cheat on the test,” Boucher said. “A kid can say that they are fine, but these tests can be very helpful as a diagnostic tool.”

Boucher also said that all of this information and testing can be shared with a student-athlete’s doctor.

Once an athlete is diagnosed with a concussion, there is a protocol that is followed before they are allowed back into game action that includes five steps: no activity, light aerobic exercise, sport-specific exercise with no head impact activities, non-contact training drills and full contact practice.

The dangers of repeated concussions have long been known for boxers and wrestlers; a form of chronic traumatic encephalopathy common in these two sports, dementia pugilistica,

CONCUSSIONS

SYMPTOMS

Signs and symptoms of a concussion may include:

- Headache or a feeling of pressure in the head
- Temporary loss of consciousness
- Confusion or feeling as if in a fog
- Amnesia surrounding the traumatic event
- Dizziness or “seeing stars”
- Ringing in the ears
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Slurred speech
- Delayed response to questions
- Appearing dazed
- Fatigue

Some symptoms of concussions may be immediate or delayed in onset by hours or days after injury, such as:


- Concentration and memory complaints
- Irritability and other personality changes
- Sensitivity to light and noise
- Sleep disturbances
- Psychological adjustment problems and depression
- Disorders of taste and smell

RATES BY SPORT

The concussion rates per 100,000 athletic exposures (one athlete participating in one practice or game), based on two recent studies published in medical journals.

Football.....	60-76.8
Girls soccer.....	33-35
Boys lacrosse.....	30-46.6
Girls lacrosse.....	20-31
Boys soccer.....	17-19.2
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Source: “Sports-Related Concussion in Children and Adolescents,” Pediatrics 2010; “Assessment and Management of Sports-Related Concussions in United States High Schools,” American Journal of Sports Medicine, 2011.



was first described in 1928. An awareness of the risks of concussions in other sports began to grow in the 1990s, and especially in the mid-2000s, in both the medical and the professional sports communities, as a result of studies of the brains of prematurely deceased American football players, who showed extremely high incidences of CTE (see concussions in American football).

As of 2012, the four major professional sports leagues in the United States

and Canada have concussion policies. Sports-related concussions are generally analyzed by athletic training or medical staff on the sidelines using an evaluation tool for cognitive function known as the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool, a symptom severity checklist, and a balance test.

One of the most common misconceptions about concussions is that a person has to be knocked out for one to occur. Boucher, who sees between 30-35 concussions in an average year at

Quabbin, said she can only recall two times in her eight years at the school where an athlete has actually been knocked out.

“It is just simply not the case,” Boucher said. “Parents think that for a concussion to happen, that has to take place. There are so many other things that can happen that will result in a concussion. You do not have to be knocked out to get a concussion.”

Dave Forbes is a sports editor for Turley Publications.

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Ludtke made his first start in goal for Moore, who was missing for the game along with defender Chris Noto.

Ludtke picked up a shutout in the draw, making eight saves.

There were a few close calls on both sides, but the defenses of both teams were the stars of the show. Agawam’s offense definitely had the edge, as they put more than twice the shots

on goal that West Springfield did.

Terriers’ goalie Dan Letendre made 19 saves in the draw.

Coach Tom Smith said after a win against Chicopee Comprehensive that his team still has a lot of work to do to get ready for the tournament, but Agawam is definitely building for a long push this year.

Agawam will meet West Springfield at least once more this season in

league action. They will face the Terriers at Clark Field on Oct. 22.

Coming, Agawam will be in league action at home Thursday against Belchertown at 7 p.m. On Monday, Agawam will face a combine Cathedral/Holyoke Catholic team at 4 p.m.

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Faced with a third-and-2, Gallerani made a keeper play to get Agawam a first and goal. Scuderi then moved the ball up the middle on a very good handoff by Gallerani that had the Commerce defense fooled. Scuderi scored the second touchdown of the night Agawam was up 14-0 after just one quarter.

The Brownies would threaten to score again, but were turned away at Commerce’s 4-yard line. Agawam would take the ball back late in the second quarter, and William made a 51-yard run with 1:19 remaining. Williams avoided a few tackles in making his way through the middle of the field.

Commerce would go three and out in less than 20 seconds to give the ball right back to the Brownies.

Coach John Benjmain would stay with what works and went to Williams again. Williams made a run through middle, scoring on the right side after avoiding several tackles with 2.3 seconds remaining in the first half.

Agawam went to halftime with a 28-0 lead.

Agawam scored in the third quarter with a Scuderi 4-yard run. Mike Basile made a short run in the fourth quarter for a touchdown.

Page had an excellent game for the Brownies. He went a perfect 6-for-6 in point-after kick attempts as the new Agawam kicker this season.

Agawam did all of its work on the ground rushing. Agawam had nine different players pick up positive yardage in the game.

Williams led the team with 124 yards on four carries and two touchdowns. Scuderi carried the ball 12 times for 75 yards and three touchdowns. Dominic Grasseti was active with five carries for 57 yards.

Agawam has improved to 3-0 with a 2-0 Suburban Conference record. Friday night, the Brownies will face Amherst at home at 7 p.m.

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Marcus Williams makes a run for the Brownies. He led the team with 124 rushing yards against Commerce last Friday night.



Quarterback Troy Gallerani hands off to Nick Scuderi. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Friday, Oct. 2

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES continues when Jimmy Mazz brings his Las Vegas Legends all-star tribute show to the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., at 7 p.m. Free admittance. More information available at www.agawamcc.org.

THE SUFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY welcomes author Deborah Child from 2 to 4 p.m. at Academy Hall, 1499 Mountain Road, West Suffield, for a lecture about Richard Brunton, an 18th century engraver and sometime counterfeiter, who lived in West Suffield for a short time. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Oct. 3

THE TOLLAND COUNCIL ON AGING, in conjunction with Porchlight VNA of Lee will host a health fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Safety Complex, 206 W. Granville Road, Tolland and will include flu shots, chair massages, Reiki, information on Telehealth monitoring, nutritional counseling and information on SHINE.

Sunday, Oct. 4

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission \$1; kids under 10 free. Over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call 413-593-6046.

LUDLOW NATIVE TIM MACRI will perform a selection of solo flute pieces by Bach, Ferroud, Monteverdi and American composer Randall Thompson at Second Baptist Church, 100 N. Main St., Suffield at 1 p.m. Free-will offering will be taken. More information available at 860-668-1661.

A TASTE OF ITALY will be held from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 123 William St., Springfield. Food tickets will be sold at the door. Attendees will be able to select which Italian "tastes" they want to purchase.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield will feature Sarah Briggs on violin, Jean Jeffries on French horn, and Monica Jakuc Leverett on piano at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email figro9654@aol.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

THE AGAWAM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB will host the Living Rosary at 6 p.m. at St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. There will be a short meeting and refreshments in the parish hall following the program. All are welcome.

Thursday, Oct. 8

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Paleontological Insights from Southern New England" featuring Patrick Getty, PhD, professor, UConn Center for Integrated Geosciences, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, Oct. 10

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER will host "Festa Ita-

lia! A Taste of Italy, Food and Wine," from 5-8 p.m. at the Cedars Banquet Hall, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield. Free admission. Food tickets sold at the door for \$1 each. Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information, call 413-784-1492.

THE SOUTHWICK LIONS CLUB will host a tag sale today and tomorrow at the Southwick Florist, 668 College Highway. It will be held rain or shine. Proceeds from this event will help fund local scholarships, eye and hearing research and diabetes research.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

THE FRIENDS OF SUFFIELD will hold a new member social at 7 p.m. at Three Figs Restaurant, 94 Mountain Road, Suffield. Anyone interested in finding out more about what the Friends of Suffield does for the town is invited. For more information, contact Stephanie Dolan at 860-930-0008 or email Shdolan1@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Thursday, Oct. 15

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Interregional Exchange and Ceremonialism Before the Fur Trade" featuring Jess Robinson, Vermont state archaeologist, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, Oct. 17

A VENDOR FAIR will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist parish center, 833 Main St., Agawam.

A FALL FESTIVAL will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Approximately 40 artisans and crafters will be present. Back by popular demand this year will be a homemade pie sale, book fair, the Country Lunch Café, raffles and the General Store.

A FREE DOCUMENT-SHREDDING EVENT for residents will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Department of Public Works Annex, 1000 Suffield St. Limit confidential documents to five standard size boxes. Three-ring binders and binder clips should be removed. Paper clips, staples, and spiral bound notebooks are all acceptable. For more information, contact the DPW at 413-821-0624.

INSURANCE CENTER OF NEW ENGLAND, 1070 Suffield St., Agawam, will hold "Public Safety Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free family community event will include a tour of fire engines, raffles, face painting and a K-9 demonstration. For more information, call Marie Rosema at 413-750-7109 or email mrosema@icne.com.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will host a fall craft fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. All proceeds to benefit the church.

COPPER HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 27 Copper Hills Road, East Granby, will host its annual roast pork dinner at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 12, no charge for preschoolers. To make a reservation, call Mary at 860-653-2834.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield will feature Mary Brown Bonacci, mezzo-soprano, Mark Frasesr on cello, and Estela Olevsky on piano at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email figro9654@aol.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

SU MECK, AUTHOR, will be the featured speaker at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Springfield Technical Community College's Scibelli Hall Theater as part of its Ovation series. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Philip O'Donoghue at 413-755-4233 or email pcodonoghue@stcc.edu.

Thursday, Oct. 22

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Independence and Modernity: French Impressionism" featuring Gloria Russell, art history writer, professor and retired art critic, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Oct. 23

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will hold its fifth annual "Star, Serenade and Stone Soup Candlelight Evening" from 6-8 p.m. at the Thomas Smith House, 251 N. West St., Feeding Hills. Hearth-cooked soup, cornbread and brown bread will be served and period music will be provided. At 6:30 p.m., winners of the "scary story" contest will be reading their entries.

Saturday, Oct. 24

A CRAFT AND AGRICULTURAL FAIR sponsored by the Friends of the Southwick Public Library will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Southwick Town Hall, 454 College Highway and will include craft items and supplies, local products, a paperback book sale, raffle and refreshments. Free admission. For more information, call 413-569-6531.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

THE AGAWAM FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM will host Parent Café 2 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church and 6:30-8 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center which will focus on "Positive Body Image." After the loss of her niece to an eating disorder, Amy Mendrala of Lisa's Light of Hope developed a presentation on the signs, symptoms and tools to help families struggling with or identify an eating disorder. Registration not required. Free coffee, tea and refreshments provided.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

AGAWAM PARANORMAL PROGRAM at 6:30 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321.

Thursday, Oct. 29

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Art in the Face of Mortality" featuring Al McKee, M.d., at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, Nov. 7

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL, 81 High St., Suffield will host its annual juried craft show in the Church Fellowship Hall and Chapel, part of "Christmas in Suffield."

SACRED HEART CHURCH, 446 MOUNTAIN ROAD, SUFFIELD will host a Christmas bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Women's Guild Scholarship Fund.

Saturday, Nov. 14

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST, 222 College Highway, Southwick will host a Holiday Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a lunch menu, including Tacos in a Bag. Coffee and tea will be free all day. There will be a make-it-and-take-it table for kids' crafts.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

THE AGAWAM FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM will host Parent Café 3 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church and 6:30-8 p.m. at the Agawam

Senior Center with a presentation on "Holiday Happiness Tips." The program offers participants ways to enjoy the holidays and not just survive them, and how to make them a holiday tradition, not the least favorite holiday obligation. Registration not required. Free coffee, tea and refreshments provided.

Saturday, Dec. 5

THE SOUTHWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 488 College Highway, will hold its annual Holly Bazaar from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 413-569-6362.

ONGOING

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A roundtable discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandline at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is held every Thursday afternoon from 12:30 – 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 8. Free parking available. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, honey and bee products, maple syrup, goat meat and goats' milk products, relishes and jams, baked goods, forested pork, free range chicken and eggs, wine, hot cider donuts, and more. SNAP EBT cards accepted. A \$5 transaction will provide SNAP customers \$10 worth of credit.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

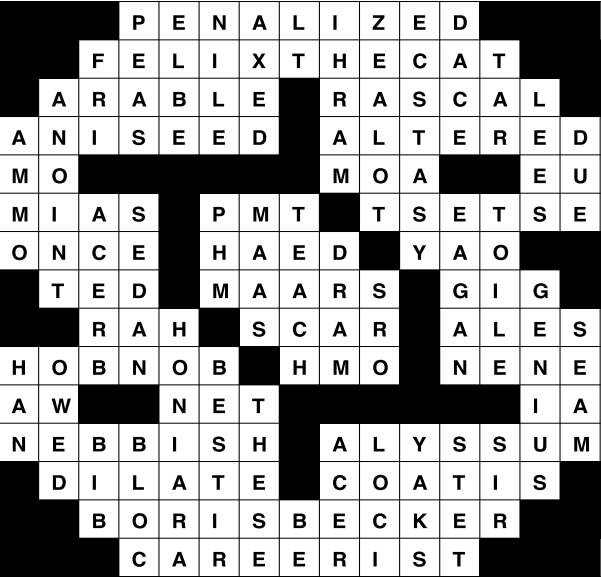
THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 5: Swedish meatballs over egg noodles, green beans, apples.
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Baked ham, roasted sweet potatoes, peas, pineapple sauce, birthday cake.
Wednesday, Oct. 7: Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, California blend vegetables, diced peaches.
Thursday, Oct. 8: American chop suey, garden salad, pudding.
Friday, Oct. 9: Corn chowder, tuna melt on whole-wheat, three-bean salad, mandarin oranges.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Oct. 5: Free hearing test with Ear Masters; 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Investment Club meeting with Mark Whitney and Tom Parsons for auto consulting seminar; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Oct. 6: S.H.I.N.E. representative available (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 10 a.m., PACE, chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, ladies billiards, no movie; 1-3 p.m., flu shot available (dining room; bring insurance cards); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.
Wednesday, Oct. 7: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
Thursday, Oct. 8: 9 a.m., exercise class; 9:30 a.m., quilting class; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., open art class, pitch, Root Beer Float Social (coffee shop, \$1); 6:30 p.m., evening line dancing.
Friday, Oct. 9: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

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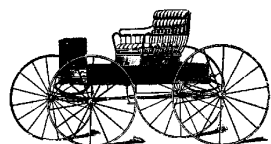
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Our Town

2 from town in Leadership class

HOLYOKE — Leadership Pioneer Valley officially introduced its Class of 2016, which includes two Agawam residents, recently.

The group kicked off its 2016 season on Sept. 21 at the Wistariahurst Museum in Holyoke at its annual Reach Beyond Reception. The reception marked the start of an intensive, 10-month regional leadership development curriculum for Jeffrey Sexton of Agawam, from Comcast, and Daniel Montagna of Feeding Hills, from UMass Springfield, along with other members of the Class of 2016.

Leadership Pioneer Valley annually features a diverse class from Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties, representing private, nonprofit, educational and public organizations. This year's class includes 35 emerging leaders from the Pioneer Valley that filled the room with energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the future of the region.

Class of '60 reunites



The Agawam High School Class of 1960 held its 55-year reunion recently at Crestview Country Club in Agawam. Reunion committee members included Charlie Gibson, Dan Tomassetti, class president, Len Charest, Barry Toussaint, Eleanor Menard Placzek, Cathy Cirillo, Phyllis Lewis Meredith and Jean Jaeger DeForge. Submitted photo

'Big' award for Ramponi



Feeding Hills resident Carole Ramponi, left, received the Host of the Day award Monday, Sept. 21, at the Big E in West Springfield, from Eugene J. Cassidy, Eastern States Exposition president and chief executive officer. She has been a volunteer at the fair's New England Center for the past 21 years. The Host of the Day award, "the Biggie," is given every day of the fair to an individual who goes "above and beyond the call" in his or her interactions with fairgoers. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Right: Last week's photo: Correctly identifying David Pulaski were Larry Scherpa and Geraldine Schilling-Nordal.

Roberts joins Ayre Real Estate

Tom Roberts has joined Ayre Real Estate Company Inc. as a full-time real estate sales associate. He is an Agawam native that started his real estate career in 2003. Roberts moved to the Myrtle Beach area in 2006, where he pursued real estate sales and golf.



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Publick House Historic Inn & Country Lodge – Has been creating picturesque New England weddings for over 230 years. Visit www.publickhouse.com or call 508-347-3313.

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